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Fire, Havoc, Follow Maki Family

BRIEREVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. Roy Maki, relatively new residents of this district, feel misfortune has followed them long enough, and are hoping for the best in the new year. Fire and accident have played havoc with their lives long enough.

The Makis moved here six months ago from Rich Lake and took over the Gattolliat farm after Mr. and Mrs. Ali Gattolliat lost their store and home in a fire.

Last October, as the Maki family were motoring to Lac la Biche to celebrate their seventh wedding anniversary, bad luck began to follow them.

Going over a particularly bad spot of road the steering rod of their truck broke, sending them over the side of a bridge and truck landed wheels up. Mr. and Mrs. Maki and one of their children escaped with cuts and bruises but the two youngest were not so lucky.

The little girl was admitted to an Edmonton hospital with a fractured skull while the little boy remained in the Lac la Biche Hospital.

But bad luck wasn't through with this family. Fire joined the game to destroy a bulldozer owned by the Maki family. The dozer had been contracted by Ed Whalen for brushing and clearing purposes. Andy Kaufman was operating the outfit when it suddenly caught fire. The extent of the damage is not known.

The following morning fire struck again in the chimney of the Maki home but was quickly extinguished.

Bad luck has followed the Makis long enough and perhaps a new year will break the jinx.

North Star Club Holds Meeting.

The weekly meeting of the North Star Club was called to order by the president. The sale of tickets was discussed.

There were 29 members present including some new ones.

Dan Stewart and J. Hackman gave a talk on physical training. A soldier from the Royal Canadian Army recruiting station in Edmonton was present. Physical training is to be held two nights a week for all youths, under the supervision of J. Hackman.

A talk on money-making hobbies was given by Don Stewart, who is also in charge of the orchestra for the dance Jan. 21.

More than 8,000 Canadian women enrolled in Home Nursing Classes of the Canadian Red Cross in 1953.

JAMES W. MILLAR LIKELY TO BE NEXT LIEUT.-GOVERNOR OF ALBERTA

EDMONTON—According to reports circulating in Alberta's capital, there will be a new appointment made soon for the post of lieutenant-governor of the province.

It is the responsibility of the federal government to decide whether or not Lieut.-Governor Bowlen's term should be extended from its expiry February 1, or if a new lieutenant-governor will be appointed to replace him.

Choice of the new appointment



MR. AND MRS. GERMAIN ROUTHIER of Atmore (nee Marie Boulanger), whose wedding took place in Atmore Roman Catholic Church at 2 p.m., November 18.

MANY OF 2,000 WEEP AT SLAIN PRIEST'S RITES

ST. PAUL — A humble Roman Catholic priest, penniless because of his charity, was buried Friday in the tiny, bleak cemetery of his French-speaking parish of St. Edouard, near the church his 400 parishioners attend. That was the way he wanted it.

Rev. Alfred Quirion, in his will made a couple of weeks ago, asked to be buried in his parish cemetery if he died in the west, instead of his own home town of Saint-Jean De la Lande, Que.

Known as the "penniless priest of St. Edouard" because he was always giving away even his meagre allowance, Father Quirion was slain last Sunday, shot three times and left to die in his car in a roadside ditch near Brandon. The car was a gift from his parish.

Many weeping openly, more than 2,000 persons attended the 44-year-old priest's funeral in St. Paul's Cathedral where pontifical solemn high mass was sung by Bishop Philip Lussier of St. Paul. Cars formed a two-mile cortege for the

seven-mile trip to the farming community of Et. Edouard.

Speaking on Father Quirion's charity and devotion to his parishioners, Archbishop Maurice Daudou of St. Boniface said in his sermon:

"He died as he lived, doing humanity a favor. I convey on his behalf what I am sure would be his wish asking for the forgiveness of his assassins."

Father Quirion was returning to St. Edouard when killed. He had taken five seminarians to Winnipeg after a vacation in Alberta to save them the expense of train travel.

Three Montreal youths have been charged with murder. Police said robbery was the motive.

The body lay in state in St. Edouard Church and was then brought to the cathedral here where more than 5,000 persons from the 35-parish diocese paid their respects.

Long lines of mourners formed inside and outside the cathedral while each waited in turn to view the body of the charitable priest. His body rested on top of the modest coffin.

The funeral also was attended by 78 priests from the diocese and other areas.

Frains

Mrs. Emily Chernivchan and Betty spent the Christmas holidays in the city.

Miss Emily Budney has been transferred from Boyle School to the school at Grassland.

Mr. Hussynac and Mr. Soghmaruk have been doing carpentry work in the Community Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sawchuk spent Christmas at Caslan with the family.

Mrs. Mathilda Plamondon, Pioneer Resident, Leaves 128 Descendants

PLAMONDON — Mrs. Mathilda Plamondon, 84, wife of Joseph Plamondon, first settler and founder of the village of Plamondon, 125 miles northeast of Edmonton, died in St. Catherine's Hospital, Lac la Biche, shortly after 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Plamondon came to Alberta from Lake Leelanau, Mich., and took up homesteads in what is now Plamondon, in 1903. Here they pioneered the district and gave it their name and also sent for many of their relatives to come and settle here also, and so they established what was to become one of the most thriving parts of northern Alberta.

They had 15 children, 12 of whom are still alive. Joseph Plamondon died in 1928 but Mrs. Plamondon kept the home going and

still encouraged and helped the Plamondon settlers. Both Mr. and Mrs. Plamondon were noted for their hard work and hospitality.

In 1939 Mrs. Plamondon married her husband's nephew, Philip Plamondon, whose wife had predeceased him. There were five girls and 10 boys of the original marriage. Besides her husband, Philip, Mrs. Plamondon is survived by three of her daughters, Isabel (Mrs. S. Hahnberg), Delamine (Mrs. O. Chevigny), and Eloise (Mrs. F. Uliac), and nine sons, Isadore, Ernest, Edward, Valmore, Clifton, Frederick, Emile, Bert and Joseph.

She is also survived by three brothers, Alec, Isadore and Napoleon Gauthier, all of Plamondon, and one sister, (Louise) Rev. Sister Clothilda, O.P., of Grand Rapids, Mich., and two other brothers, William and Noe, also of the U.S.A. Besides the above members of the immediate families there are 128 living descendants in the Plamondon district.

The funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19, at St. Isadore's Church, Plamondon. Rev. Fr. Ricard, P. P., officiating.

Pete Mahaden Passes Away

On Dec. 14 Pete Mahaden of Spruce Valley passed away in the Lac la Biche Hospital at the age of 71.

Left to mourn are his wife Rosie and eight children: Bill, Alex and Steve, Spruce Valley; John, Kaleland; Mrs. Mary Berezowski of Paxson; Mrs. Margaret Skawronik of Spruce Valley; Mrs. Helen Guzman of Wisconsin, U.S.A., and Mrs. Lillian Kotyk of Pleasant View.

Mr. Mahaden first lived at Lethbridge, then moved to the Kalland district where he lived a few years. He finally moved with his family to the Spruce Valley district where he lived for 18 years.

Funeral services were held Dec. 17 in Grassland Anglican Church with interment in the Grassland Cemetery. Father Zubritzki of Lac la Biche officiated.

Pall bearers were: Bill Mahaden, John Mahaden, John Berezowski, Alex Mahaden, Pete Kotyk and Billy Budz.

Memorial wreaths were received from: Mike and Margaret S. Kawronik and family, Bill and Sofie Mahaden and family, John and Mary Berezowski and family, Alex Mahaden, John Mahaden, Peter Dora Budz and family, and Mr. Marshka of Hairy Hill.

More than 160,000 Canadians participated in the Red Cross water safety program in 1953.

AURORA THEATRE

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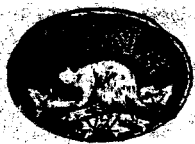
Urgent Notice

Re: Seed Grain Germination

It is now evident that much of the grain which the farmers thought would make seed, is showing a very low germination. All farmers having grain of high germination that could reasonably be cleaned are urged to contact the Supervisor of the Agricultural Service Board, the District Agriculturist or the Municipal District Secretary, listing the name of the variety. Whether you intend to sell seed or use it yourself, have it tested immediately.

S. C. WARD, Secretary.

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Frains

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sawchuk and Mrs. E. Cherniwan motored to Smoky Lake for a visit.

The following from Edmonton visited their parents and friends here: Laurence Nahorney, Victoria Kolach, Bill Kashuba, Lucy Greschuk, Peter Greschuk, Eddie Shwetz, Helen, Edna, Ann Holowenko, Mrs. Hussynec, Angelina Marchuk, Roy Shyian and Gwen Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Chulopa and family visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith. William Smith was home also.

Mrs. Annie Kolach and daughter, Juliana were visitors to Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gorday and family from Noral were visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sawchuk.

Mr. and Mrs. Tansowney from Radway spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. M. Nahrabinchuk and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Kulyk and daughter, Tillie, from Craigend, Rev. and Mrs. Zabritski and family from Lac la Biche visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shwetz. Miss Elsie Koltowski visited them also.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rozak, John and Olga Rozak and Emily Doskch from Waskatenau visited with friends and relatives.

Peter Dimtruk from Peace River visited with the Greschuk family.

Many people attended a Ukrainian play which was held at the Spruce Valley Hall.

Spruce Valley

Peter Budz has returned home after spending a few days in the the Athabasca hospital.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Caroline Zilinski on the recent death of her sister, Mary, in an Edmonton hospital. Mr. Zilinski is spending a few days with her family in Edmonton.

Nick Zilinski is in the Athabasca hospital.

A three-act play was produced by the local actors in the hall Jan. 9. A large crowd enjoyed this comedy.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Zilinski of Athabasca are frequent visitors in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Shevets of Frains visited with Mr. and Mrs. P. Koltowski on Sunday.

Miss E. Koltowski was a visitor at her parents' home.

The average length of time under construction of new homes built in Canada in 1954 was 6.2 months.

Caslan

Miss Florence Shapka spent the week-end at Bellis with relatives.

George Waselenchuk is hauling gravel up by the Mission to stock pile.

Due to mechanical trouble, the show, starring Red Skelton, was cancelled last Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gorday named their son, Robert John.

Harold Krawchuk is attending school in the city.

Mrs. Katie Cisko motored to the city, where she plans to attend a car bingo.

Clayton Henson visited Edmonton for a couple of days.

Freedom

Elmer Smith underwent an operation on his foot just before New Year's in an Edmonton Hospital. Elmer injured his foot last fall while working on a bridge construction in the Jasper area.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Mrs. Fred Meyer, Sr., (better known as Grandma Meyer), who celebrated her 78th birthday on Jan. 13.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Melnyk on the birth of a baby son, born on Dec. 26. Eileen and Marion Melnyk spent the holiday season with their grandparents, waiting for their mother and baby brother to come home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Donnelly motored to Wandering River to celebrate Ukrainian Christmas with friends there.

A square dance jamboree was held in the Freedom Hall Jan. 8. Tommy Davison of Edmonton was caller.

The Freedom Farmers' Union sponsored a whist drive on Jan. 7. Travelogue slides of Scotland were shown before the whist drive. Mrs. Aino Carlson won first prize for the ladies. Gent's first was won by Erick Johnson and the consolation prize by L. Zimmer.

Milton Lawrence spent a few days in the Barrhead Hospital. He is back at work in an Imperial mill again.

Grassland

Miss Mary Sutton is in hospital in Edmonton, but hopes to be home soon.

Mrs. Frank Babcock is staying at Sutton's while looking for a home in the Grassland district.

Chas. Rudman made a business trip to Edmonton on Tuesday.

Richard Garnier has purchased a gravel truck and expects to be hauling gravel soon.

Mrs. Nick Semenchuk is in Edmonton, where her mother, Mrs. Missa, is seriously ill.

Gordie Bracco is spending a few days in the big city.

Nick Derko is still making occasional visits to Edmonton to receive medical treatment.

Two new phones have been installed in Grassland. New subscribers are Mike Duniec and Don Corse.

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Born In West Indies

Leo Devaux Dies

In Tawatinaw

TAWATINAW — Leo Devaux died last week. He was born in St. Lucia, West Indies in 1879. He came to Alberta in 1915 and home-stayed in the Dapp district. Six years ago he made his home five miles north of Tawatinaw. He is survived by his wife; one son; two daughters; 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He also leaves one sister in England and a brother in the West Indies. The funeral took place in the Dapp Roman Catholic Church with Father J. Campbell officiating. Pallbearers were Stanley Coates, Stan Smith, Leo Renaud, S. Carlson, Lionel Prime and Hermas Primeau.

Gourin

Mrs. John Uliac has returned home and is feeling better.

Mrs. Alpsta, 81, and resident of Gourin, passed away in St. Catherine's Hospital Jan. 10.

District residents regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Esdras Belanger. Many friends motored to Plamondon Jan. 8, to pay their final tributes.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Fernand Uliac on the arrival of a baby boy.

Lieut.-Governor

Signs Session Order

EDMONTON (BUP) — The Order-in-Council calling the Alberta legislature into session Feb. 17 was signed Jan. 5 by Lieutenant Governor J. J. Bowlen.

The session traditionally ends before Easter, so it could run seven weeks this year since Good Friday comes on April 9. Last year's ran seven weeks.

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ALL CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE SIGNED BY WRITER.

Kikino

Residents extend sympathy to the family of Miss Marion Contois, who passed away Dec. 5 in Lac la Biche Hospital.

Mrs. T. M. Johnson was a recent patient in the Lac la Biche Hospital.

Mrs. Peter Beauregard of Edmonton visited her family here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Cardinal and son spent the holiday with her mother at Fort Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Bertha Erasmus returned from the sanatorium in Edmonton for a few days. She took her baby back with her.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dyxter and son

of Vilna spent the holidays with her parents here.

The mail days in Kikino have been changed to Tuesday.

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Coyotes - 'Yodel Pups' Cost You Money!

YOU EITHER PAY TO KILL 'EM OR YOU PAY TO KEEP 'EM

By W. E. WILSON

CHERRILL—For the past few years there has been a great deal of controversy here in Alberta, and indeed, all over Western Canada and the Western United States as to the economic and social position of that original American, the coyote.

He has stirred up as much argument as the professional politicians on both sides of the border, and is like them in many ways. He is praised by some and cursed by some and treated with indifference by some. He makes his voice heard throughout the land, and believes firmly in the policy of looking out for himself first. He is full of tricks and seems quite sure that the duty of all the rest of creation is to look after him. He raids the natural resources of the country for what he can get, and levies taxation on the producers for anything else he wants. Like crooked politicians he is the cause of costly investigations, bungling on the part of law makers and law enforcers. He is a source of embarrassment to governments and his activities touch the pocket book of every one of us either directly or indirectly. Through it all he remains blithely happy and unconcerned, fat and prosperous. He relies solely on his native wit to keep ahead of us ordinary citizens, and is doing quite well, thank you.

So What?

So the purpose of this attempt at literacy is to show this fellow up for what he is, to save the producers, the consumers, and the taxpayers of this country some long term money and losses and much frustration, and to take up and examine some of the fallacies spread about concerning him. If you have not paid much attention to coyotes before this—stay and read, you may not know it, but whoever you are, this fellow has his paw in your pocket. You must pay to keep him or pay to destroy him. You can't escape that if you are a tax-paying human. And you'd better decide which is the cheapest way to get out of this mess.

How does he get to you? After all, he's a small sized wolf. Not dangerous to humans unless infected with rabies. He's wild isn't he? You are a part of civilized society—how come you should bother about the noisy critter? These are questions that have occurred to a lot of you who have read this far. Consider.

The coyote population is tremendous. If all the Alberta coyotes stomachs were made into one big stomach it would probably be bigger than all the human stomachs sewed into one big bag. And every inch of that tremendous stomach exudes digestive juices all the time and is nearly always hungry.

To fill that big hungry bag each year, we dump in a big portion of our deer, moose, elk, game birds, song birds, rabbits, squirrels, ducks and wild geese as well as hundreds of sheep, hogs, cattle, chickens, turkeys and tame ducks and geese; also some mice, gophers, and wood chucks. A lot of them in fact. We'll come back to that.

Nonsense, you say—how can a little wolf kill a big moose or deer or cow? The answer is that moose, deer and cows are not always big. They start life little. And the coyote is a confirmed baby-killer. And a little moose or deer or elk or cow that never grows up is just as "not there"—as is a big one that's been killed.

The situation is actually worse than it would be if the coyotes

could kill the grown animals. It takes so many more babies to fill that part of the big bag that would be stuffed with grown animals. A mother partridge would provide a fair dinner for a coyote. But if she's hard to catch he doesn't worry too much. It's easier to gulp down a dozen baby partridges. That's 12 birds lost instead of one. If you believe in conserving our useful game supplies, blink a time or two and consider that.

By the way, coyotes love eggs—fresh or otherwise. If that setting duck or goose just will be fool enough to try to protect her nest, he can eat her and then swallow the eggs as a chaser. Very cozy.

Which looks better to you when fall rolls around—a dozen mallards over your sight—or an empty sky? When the first snow falls and you feel that urge to get out into the bush with your pal and your rifle, do you enjoy being told "No open season again"? Or if you are allowed to try your luck do you enjoy tramping for miles and seeing no tracks but those of the timber wolves and coyotes?

Figure the loss in meat to the people of Alberta. Figure the loss to the Provincial Treasury in revenue. Figure the loss of tourist dollars. Never mind figuring the loss to you in outdoor pleasure, you can listen to the gleeful yapping of the many coyotes and get your thrills from that. They will be bragging about all the little ones that didn't get away.

Farmers Always Grumble

If you are a farmer you have lost a large or small share of your year's wages to coyotes, or you know others who have. If you are not a farmer you have listened to or read farmer's complaints about such losses. If you have not been raided yourself you are apt to say, "Oh, why do these fellows howl so much?" or "Farmers are always complaining about losses," or "Why don't they just go out and shoot the coyote and shut up—what is it to me?"

Well, let's say you are a merchant, and thieves are taking your cash and stock more or less regularly. Let's say you have the right to arrest these thieves if you can catch them in the act of stealing from you on your own property but have no right to pursue them elsewhere, and there was no law and no police to help you. Would you howl? You would.

You would very soon tire of having thieves walk across the street and thumb their noses at you. You would demand protection. Either the authorities would provide that protection, or you would soon be out voting in someone who would. If someone mentioned expense, you would retort that you were a taxpayer and a citizen and entitled to protection for yourself and your property and hang the expense. You would be so right.

Oddly enough, no one objects when the government takes expensive and all-out steps to catch up on human thieves, but when four-footed thieves get going the victim is supposed to "be a sport," and take care of them himself.

And, of course, the individual is unable to do so. Coyotes have been picked up in the Western States five hundred miles from point of banding.

When meat gets scarce in one place they move on. If wild game is depleted they turn to domestic flocks. Farmers simply cannot hope to cope with these wandering bands of robbers without organized government aid.

If they grumble, they do it with cause. And you'd grumble too. If



Every coyote is an expense to the farmer and a threat to his livestock.

you are a farmer and have not done a thing to help the control program by using the devices and services of the control agency, you are taking money out of your own pocket. The more coyotes that escape this year, the more must be taken next year. So the longer it takes to get the pests under control the more tax dollars must be spent. You provide tax dollars. Drag your feet and keep paying if you will. You cannot be drafted into the army of coyote killers.

The time must shortly come, however, when the authorities cannot longer permit you to lend "aid and comfort" to this enemy by hauling out that dead horse or cow and leaving for the coyotes to clean up. Of course that is an easy way to get rid of a whole hunk of unwanted carcass, it's also easier for your neighbor to let his weeds grow till they spread to your land, but you sure take a dim view of that!

Fat coyotes produce husky litters of pups. Well fed coyote mamas have lots of milk to feed those pups. Around eight to the litter. Fat coyotes are not driven by hunger and so are less wary and are much harder to trap or poison. That carcass makes fat coyotes, thus more coyotes, and the control problem is made worse. Also, coyotes that feed on farm animals soon acquire a taste for easy living and learn to hang around farm areas waiting for more windfalls, and soon learn to do their own killing. This does not make for good relations between neighbors and increases the cost of control which you help pay for. So burn that carcass or bury it and put poison pellets on top.

Natural Foods

We agreed to come back to that mouse eating habit of coyotes, didn't we? So we are back. Mice are one of the natural foods of coyotes. One of the natural foods. Other natural foods are anything made out of meat that is small enough or weak enough for him to kill and some insects, berries and grass, carrion and eggs. Naturalists say a coyote can live on a mouse a day, and that a wolf can get along on one full meal a month. No one says that they like to get along that way, only that they can. When food is at hand they will stuff themselves every day on the fat in anticipation of hard times to come. They don't have deep-freezers, so they store their extra rations as fat.

Well, you say, but they do eat mice, and mice eat grain, and I grow grain, so save the coyote!

If you will pause here and think back, you will recall that mice are sometimes numerous. You will also recall that for many years on end mice have been no problem to you at all. You may also recall that during the recent "epidemic" of mice the coyote population had never been so large.

Mice and other rodents have a peculiar habit of living in race-cycles. Their numbers increase slowly over a period of years.

There are mice or rabbits what ever put you hardly notice them. Then suddenly they fairly explode into production and their numbers become legion. Their decline is just as mysterious and just as sudden. They are here—they are not here. No one seems to know a great deal about the why and how of these cycles. Some naturalists have noted that these population peaks coincide rather neatly with the cycle of sun-spot activity—around 11 years—and figure that certain rays given off by the sun-spots may possibly effect the life cycles of these creatures either by somehow stimulating their productive capacity at some phase of their development, or by suddenly destroying it. Some say the mice have a sort of built-in governor that stops their productive machinery when it gets to raving.

But whatever the cause of these outbursts of population, not all the coyotes, weasles, skunks, hawks, owls and tom-cats that can gather into one area can make even a dent in their numbers any more than all the cows along a river can drink enough to lower the water in flood time. Saskatchewan authorities looked into the matter during the last mouse outbreak and could find no difference in damage to crops in that part of the province where coyotes were numerous and in that part of it where their coyote-control program had all but wiped the coyotes out.

No, coyotes will not prevent outbreaks of mice. Even if they could, do you have any manner of right to ask your neighbor to feed his flocks to the coyotes for ten years so that on the eleventh year they kill a few mice for you? Go ahead and blush!

There is a relationship between the numbers of mice, rabbits, etc. and predatory animals and birds including coyotes. Oddly enough, this is the side of the coin that is not often shown. The critical time in the life of a predator is when it is young and must learn to kill its own food. If food supplies are easy to find and kill at that time the young creature thrives and grows up. If food is scarce it may well die. So when the young coyotes are born into the peak of a mouse cycle many more will reach husky maturity than would do so at other times. More mice—more coyotes, that is the real and measurable result, not more coyotes, less mice, as is so often, and so mistakenly believed. So the mice increase, the numbers of coyotes and then that strange sun-spot or chromosome takes hold and the mice are gone. What is left is that surplus mass of predators, all getting very hungry. That big stomach begins to holler. The hawks can fly away to better pastures. The coyotes cannot wait to travel that far to eat, so more and more of them turn to the farms for food. Perhaps the grain farmer should help out now by leaving a portion of his grain in the fields to grow a mouse-a-day for the coyotes? Thus they would be feeding—at their own expense for a change—their pet mouse catchers against the time when the mouse plague comes back again.

What's that? You wouldn't waste your crop that way? Then don't expect your neighbor to waste his lambs and turkeys in your behalf!

Nature's Balance

There is an expression that always finds its way into any discussion on wildlife. It is the "Balance of Nature." It sounds fine. Very scientific and educated and high-hat. It's also largely the bunk. Such a balance of life and living at one time was the rule and the ruler. Nature's laws were repealed when Man took over the management of the Earth. The Good Book says God gave man control over

everything that runs or swims or flies, not in that sense, but in that sense. Whether man received that control or whether by way of Divine edict or whether the ornery critter just up and took it on his own does not matter here. The fact remains that he does have the power to decide what creatures shall live on this planet and what shall not. Before the coming of the white "civilized" man to this continent, the red man made a pretty good job of getting along under Nature's rules because he lived pretty much as a predator himself and let the grass alone.

The bison roamed the central plains in numberless herds. Beneath them were prairie dogs and the voles. In the untouched forests the deer and mouse had vast resources of browse. The wolves, the coyotes, the foxes, the bears and the cougars lived upon the hordes in their own great numbers.

When the grass-eaters became too numerous the food supplies were depleted and they became weakened through hunger and became easy prey for the predators who promptly had themselves a time and were able to increase their own numbers and cut down the grass-eaters still more until the grass could again meet the demands made upon it. As they became harder to get the predators died off in their turn. There never was a nice balance, all even and fair. It was a see-saw proposition, it did average out over the years. The land was the determining factor, the amount of grass that could grow determined the volume of the grazers, and their volume determined the numbers of meat-eaters. That was—roughly—Nature's plan and method.

Nature has nothing to do with life on this continent today. We have taken over. We do not want prairie wool and buffalo, we want wheat and Herefords. We plowed up the Great Plains, we destroyed the buffalo and prairie dog and everything else that got in our way. We destroyed the predator's food supplies. We destroyed a lot of predators, too, for a time and many more moved back or starved. Not the coyote. He never ran away. He is tough and he is smart and he is adaptable. Although we kept his numbers down by killing him for his pelt, we never came near to wiping him out, he skulked around the edges of our domain and we got more or less used to having him around.

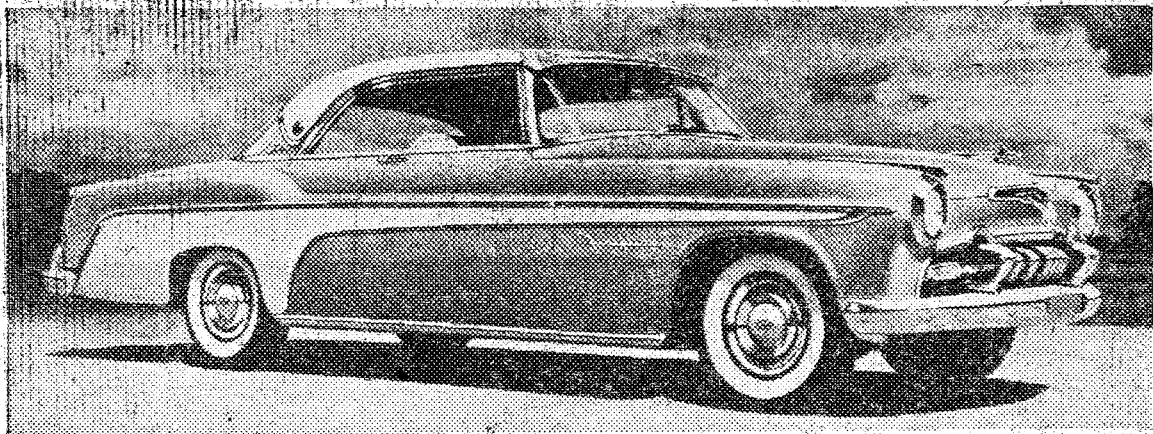
Then his chance came, men, or perhaps women, decided that the coyote's fur was not fancy enough and the trappers let him alone. He and his mate produced pups, his pups produced pups, he and his pups and his pup's pups produced pups at the rate of six or eight to the litter. Soon he couldn't get enough to eat on the fringes, so he moved in. Had Nature been in the saddle there would have been nowhere to move to, when his food ran out his numbers would have died down to a trickle. But Nature had been booted out of the way by Man, and Man had lots of good eatin' meat. Man had taken away his food, he moved in on Man's food supply.

He cut down—way down—Man's wild game. It wasn't enough. He turned to the farmer's stock in ever increasing numbers had trained his young to be sheep killers and poultry thieves and pig stealers. Men were slow to realize what was going on, men are not used to being challenged these days. Not by animals.

That big stomach got bigger. Before he realized it, Man had tossed the bigger part of his wild game into that hungry bag and was seeing great quantities of his home-grown meat going the same

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1955 DE SOTO FIREFLITE POWERED BY 200 H.P. V-8



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3,000 U.S. Troops Alaska Bound Rest Here

EDMONTON (BUP) — Three thousand American paratroopers flying north in 86 aircraft stopped over in Edmonton Monday.

The men of the 503rd Regimental combat team are flying from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, to Elmendorf air force base in Alaska for a United States manoeuvre labelled "Exercise Snow Bird." It will take place in the last part of January and the first two weeks of February.

Most of the aircraft flying the men north are Flying Boxcars but there are some twin-decked C-124's. They started arriving at 5:30 p.m. Monday in flights of 10.

Each group of paratroopers made a 12-hour stop in Edmonton and they were taken to the Prince of Wales Armories in Canadian Army buses. The armories were prepared as a rest centre, and three hot meals were served the men during their stop-over.

Six Minutes Deprive Alberta Of New Record

EDMONTON (BUP) — The capital city of sunny Alberta had its second sunniest year on record in 1954.

The weather office reports there were only 1,942 hours and 24 minutes of sunshine during the year. That was only six minutes more sunshine than in the sunniest year on record, 1947.

The normal amount of sunshine in Edmonton is 2188 hours and 42 minutes per year.

Other Cows Please Note

PINCHER CREEK, Alta. (BUP) — Nobody can complain that livestock production is lagging in the Pincher Creek district of Alberta.

A farmer in the district, N. Papp, says one of his cows has given birth to three calves in 11 months.

RUBBER COMPANY PRESIDENT RAPS GOVERNMENT SALES & EXCISE TAX

KITCHENER, Ont. (Special) — The federal government's sales and excise tax policy was described today as "discriminatory and completely unfair" by Ira G. Needles, president of B. F. Goodrich of Canada.

He called for immediate measures which would wipe out tax discriminations and urged the establishment of a realistic pattern for collecting sales and excise taxes.

Mr. Needles told the Waterloo Cattle Breeders' Association, "It is difficult to understand the wisdom of legislation which places a 10 per cent excise tax on a farmer's truck tires and considers them luxuries, while golf clubs and jewel cases are free from excise tax and are grouped with essentials."

He referred to the recent appeal to the Tariff Board to have all tires taxed on an equal basis as bringing to light a pure case of discrimination against the great majority of the smaller tire retailers.

"Large tire distributors and retailers pay a 10 per cent sales tax and a 10 per cent excise tax on only the production cost of their big volume, special brand

merchandise," Mr. Needles explained. "The majority of the small retailers to whom special brand tires are not available have to pay taxes on advertising, distribution and storage costs as well as production costs. This is grossly unfair."

Mr. Needles said the recent appeal to the Tariff Board by three standard brand tire manufacturers was an attempt to achieve tax equality. "Nobody wants to raise the price of tires nor do they want to pay more sales and excise taxes than they do already. But equality of taxation is a precious heritage of British tradition and our Canadian laws. 'Why should one tire be taxed excessively and another tire be considered exempt from all charges except production cost?' asked Mr. Needles.

He said that he endorsed the suggestion of the Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph that standard brand manufacturers and purchasers should be allowed to base their sales and excise taxes on the production cost alone.

"If the government would adopt this plan, we would achieve a uniform base for tax application and would effect a large dollar saving for the Canadian consumer," Mr. Needles said.

Former Bomber Coach Applies To Stampede

CALGARY (BUP) — Former Winnipeg Blue Bomber Coach George Trafton says he has applied for the job of guiding the Calgary Stampede.

Trafton was fired by the Bombers after the 1953 season and sat out a year in California. He is now looking for another job in Canada, preferably one where can get a few licks in at his former bosses.

The Stampede have not yet signed a coach to replace Larry Semering, who guided the club for one year.

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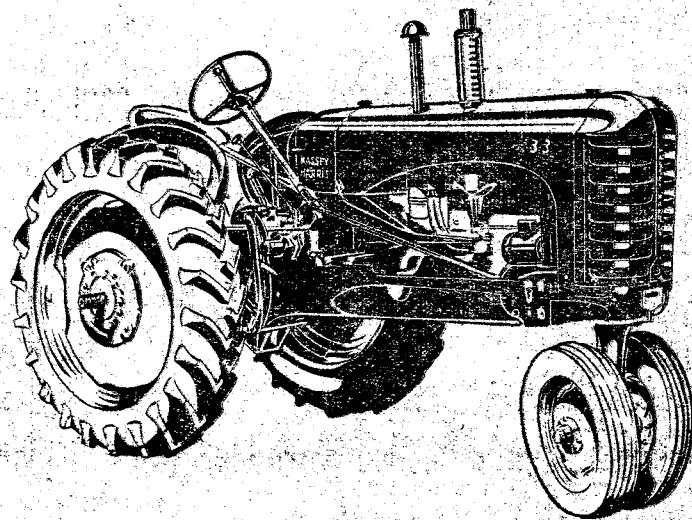
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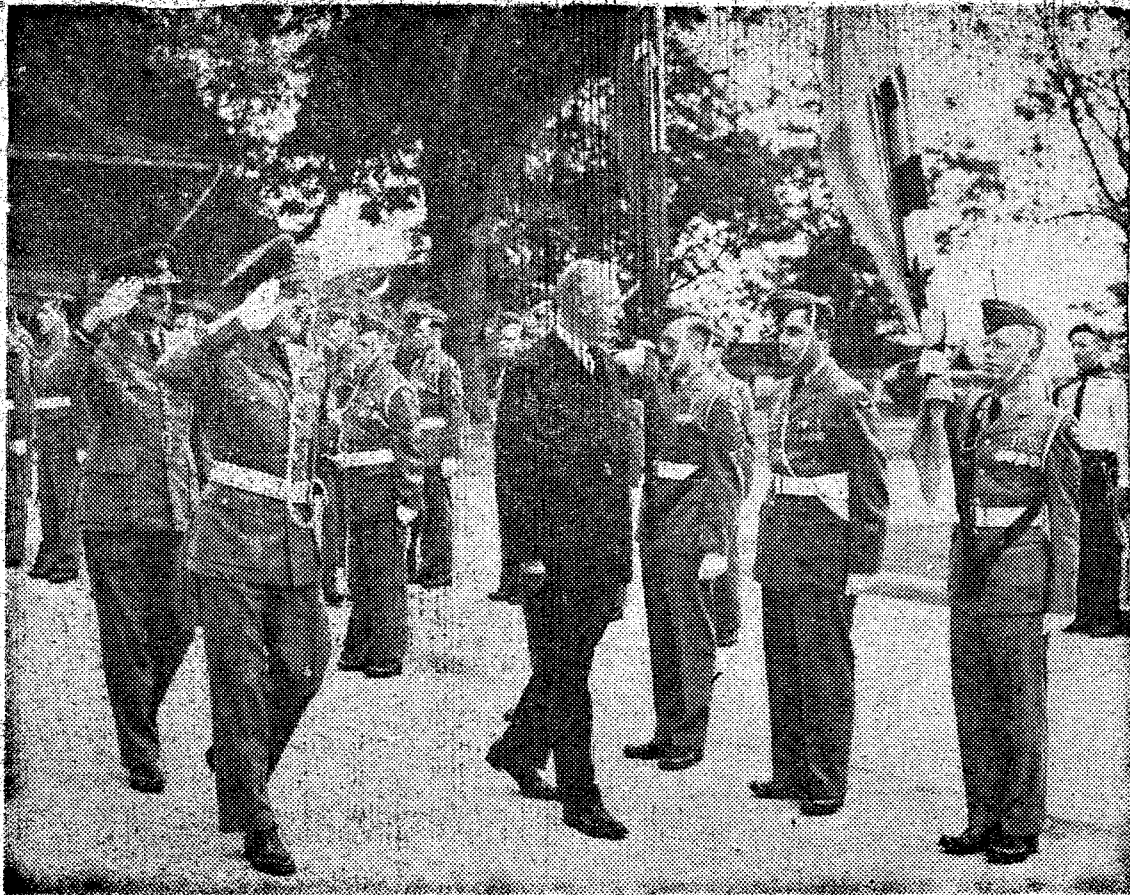
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GEORGE DREW VISITS RCAF NATO AIR DIVISION



INSPECTING a Guard of Honor at the RCAF Air Division Headquarters at Metz, France, is George A. Drew, leader of the Progressive Conservative party in the House of Commons. Mr. Drew, on a

tour of Europe, recently visited the RCAF Headquarters at Metz and also No. 3 Fighter Wing, at Zweibrücken in Western Germany, where three RCAF Sabre NATO squadrons are based.

CITY LAND NEARLY ALL USED UP, SAYS TOWN PLANNING AUTHORITY

Stolen Edmonton Car Recovered In Mexico

EDMONTON (BUP)—Edmonton's town planner says that within three years there will be no more land within the city for his department to plan as residential areas or industrial subdivisions.

Noel Dant, testifying before the McNally Commission studying the metropolitan problems of the Edmonton and Calgary areas, attempted to define the maximum limits to which a central city should be allowed to grow.

The hearing is chiefly concerned with Edmonton's desire for amalgamation with its suburban districts.

Dant said one of the problems is to define the boundaries of the city region, or the boundaries of the area falling within the sphere of influence of the central city.

Sufficient studies have not been made in the Edmonton area, he said, to offer any starting points. He pointed out that such studies should be made before any legislation is requested.

The five-man commission headed by Dr. G. Fred McNally opened its third Edmonton hearing in the court house Wednesday.

Helping Out

"Watcha doing today?" said Mrs. A. to Mrs. B. during the course of a social telephone call.

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Mrs. T. Bonifacio and sons of Edmonton were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Macor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Derkach are the proud parents of a baby boy, born on Jan. 6.

A. Gazola from Edmonton is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Leschuk have recently moved to Lac La Biche.

EDMONTON (BUP)—Edmonton police have been notified that Mexican authorities are holding two men found in possession of an Edmonton taxi that was stolen December 28.

There is some doubt that the men will be brought back from Tijuana, Mexico, because of the expense involved. Police estimate that sending a guard to Mexico and paying for extradition would cost about \$2,000.



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Man Injured, Horse Killed In Taxi Incident

EDMONTON (BUP)—A horse-drawn milk wagon was destroyed and the horse killed as a result of a traffic accident which occurred last Friday morning on Edmonton's high level bridge.

A major traffic snarl followed the accident, and traffic officers worked for about an hour and a half to untangle the tieup. Cross river traffic was re-routed by the low level and 105 St. bridges.

The accident happened when a taxi collided with the milk wagon, driven by 44-year-old Gerald Brewer of 9847 78 Ave. Police say Brewer was thrown from the wagon and landed among broken milk bottles. He was treated for injuries requiring stitches to his temple and right thumb.

Police say taxi driver Elmer Verben of 11514 80 St. has been charged with impaired driving and dangerous driving. Police learned there was no other traffic on the bridge at the time of the accident. Police report the horse was badly injured and had to be shot.



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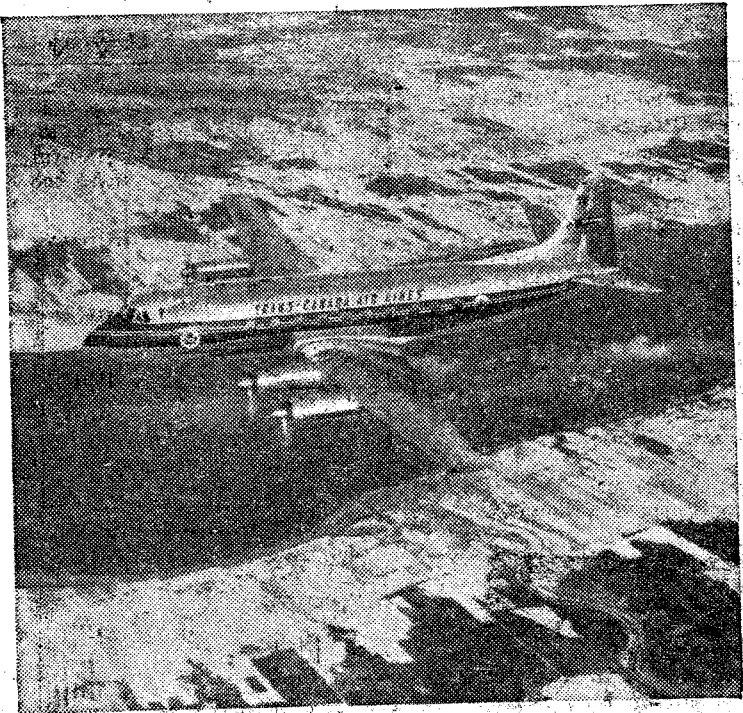
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FOLLOWING the St. Lawrence River to Montreal, the first of 22 TCA Viscounts approaches Dorval Airport December 12. Soon to be introduced to the air lanes of North America by TCA, the Viscount has four Rolls-Royce Dart engines and is the first commercial passenger plane to be powered by propeller-turbines since they were introduced to the field of aircraft propulsion. (TCA Photo.)

1954 WAS RECORD YEAR FOR TRANS-CANADA AIR LINES

MONTREAL — Trans-Canada Air Lines experienced substantial growth in almost every phase of its operations in 1954. President G. R. McGregor said today. The year was marked by record traffic, fleet expansion, added flight frequency and extended route mileage.

Some 1,429,000 passengers were carried, an increase of nine percent over 1953, and about 850,952,000 revenue passenger miles were flown, representing a 12 percent rise. TCA continued to expand its fleet and other facilities to keep pace with Canadian transportation needs and previous peaks of performance were also exceeded in the carriage of air freight, air express and air mail.

In accordance with TCA's planned program of fleet expansion and modernization, eight Super Constellations, five of which had been ordered in August, 1951, and three in 1952, were added to the fleet between February and September. These now provide the company's trans-Atlantic service and one of the five daily trans-continental services between Montreal and Vancouver.

TCA's present fleet also includes 22 North Stars and 27 DC-3's as well as three Bristol Freighters. In December, TCA took delivery of its first of 22 Vickers Viscount aircraft and will become the first North American operator of propeller-turbine powered airliners early in 1955.

TCA introduced tourist (coach) air services on its North American routes in February, extending the market for air travel. Later in the year, when the Super Constellations were placed in service on the North Atlantic, they provided both first and tourist class daily accommodation on that route.

In January, TCA introduced a new international route when scheduled service was started to Mexico from Montreal and Toronto.

A new domestic route to Sudbury, by way of Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay, Ottawa and Montreal also began early in the year.

Again in 1954 there was no increase in passenger fares, which have remained virtually unchanged since 1947 in contrast with other services and commodities.

The 25 percent reduction in domestic freight rates applied for in 1953 became effective on January 1 and further stimulated the growth of this type of transportation.

A five-day week scheduled cargo service using Bristol Freighters was started on the Montreal-Winnipeg route to accommodate an ever-increasing volume of air freight, air express and air mail and in 1955 it is planned to introduce a scheduled trans-continental service, also on a five day a week basis.

Air freight ton miles rose 35 per cent during the year to some 8,340,000 as the company provided cargo accommodation on all scheduled flights and added Bristol Freighter service on the busier routes. TCA flew approximately 1,808,000 ton miles of air express, a 10 percent increase over 1953.

The carriage of "all up" mail, in which Canada pioneered, continued to grow, reaching an estimated 5,830,000 mail ton miles on TCA's North American routes in 1954, a 27 percent increase. Mail transport grew even faster on the trans-Atlantic service with volume rising by 83 percent.

By the end of the year, TCA, which began operations 17 years ago on a 122 mile route between Vancouver and Seattle, had grown to a route pattern of some 22,000 miles, serving 33 communities in Canada and 20 in the United States, the United Kingdom, Ireland, France, Germany, Bermuda, the West Indies and Mexico.

Having completed the first phase of its equipment expansion plan, TCA was now looking to 1955, said Mr. McGregor, when the Viscount, the world's first propeller-turbine airliner, would be

be put into service on many of the North American routes. The company was proud, he added, to introduce this new aircraft to Canada and the United States. Incorporating in its design the technical ability of Vickers-Armstrong Ltd. and Rolls-Royce, it has desirable characteristics found in no other modern airliner of its class. With its propeller-turbine power, the Viscount will offer a freedom from vibration and a new quietness of flight to Canadian air travellers. The TCA Viscounts, on the advice of the company's engineers, have been modified to make them entirely suitable for North American operating conditions.

Viscount service is planned to start in the spring of 1955 between Montreal, Toronto, Sault Ste. Marie, the Lakehead and Winnipeg. As deliveries of the aircraft are received the service will be extended to other segments of the company's route in Canada and the United States.

Unfortunately, 1954 was marred by two serious accidents involving TCA planes. A North Star and a Harvard Trainer of the Royal Canadian Air Force collided on April 8 in the vicinity of Moose Jaw, Sask., and 37 persons died. The tragedy was the first fatal crash of a TCA plane since 1947 during which time the airline operated 3,541,000,000 passenger miles and carried more than six million passengers. The second accident occurred when a Super Constellation northbound to Toronto from Tampa, Fla., came down near Brampton, Ont. Fortunately, there were no fatalities.

He Should

The school visitor was putting questions to a class of boys. He nodded to a little fellow with curly black hair: "Do you know the Ten Commandments?" he asked.

"No sir!" said the boy.

"What! You don't know the Ten Commandments? What's your name?"

"Moses," said the boy.

"Yodel Pups" Cost You Money . . .

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route. Nature shrugged and turned her back. We've bought ourselves a real job, and we had better get at it fast unless we intend to have still more trouble.

Nature Lovers

There are quite a lot of people who call themselves Nature Lovers who seek to prove their right to the title by proclaiming their deep and abiding devotion to all wild things. The wilder and less understood the greater the love seems to be the rule. These well meaning people cannot bear the thought of any wild creature being destroyed. That to destroy a coyote is to destroy a professional destroyer seems never to occur to them.

The lament that the "Old West" would never be the same if the coyote was gone. Sho' nuff, Partner — it wouldn't. And the writers of "Western" ballads would no doubt be hard pressed for material for guitar tunes if they didn't have that that coyote's howl to write about.

Who wants the Old West back again? We never see any of these mourners for the Old West slogging afoot or even on horse-back across the country through heat or blizzard, trying to eat off the country and keep their scalps on. Few of them would be willing to get into a fist-fight with an Indian. Certainly the old-timers who famed the West did not love the wild so much or they wouldn't have lived so hard and often died hard to tame it.

Also we never see these lovers of the Yodel Dog digging into their pockets to pay for the depredations of the brute. They are quite willing to let some one else pay the piper — or should that read the howler?

The Naturalist knows that no species can be allowed to get out of hand or else the whole economy of life will suffer. The Naturalist knows that the coyote has got out

of hand. He also knows that the coyote will never be exterminated. The coyote is too smart, too adaptable. There are arguments about where the Yodel Pup can keep his kind very much alive and howling. If the Lover has to get off the highways a few miles to enjoy that delightful howl, that's all to the good. He may learn something about nature — the real, cruel, sharp-fanged nature and come home wiser and more truly humane.

Meantime, let him go to the farm and enjoy the bleating of the ewe who has just lost her lamb. Perhaps he'd like to watch Nature's bushy-tailed darling crouched beside that lamb drinking the blood, as it wells from the still living throat. Perhaps he'd like to run out of the house and watch the young turkeys he's nursed vanishing, gulped and kicking down the throat of that little furry brother.

It is to be hoped that if any of these mistaken, if kindly, people have read this effort to get at the facts they will truly ponder the matter and get behind Man's conservation movement to destroy the over-abundant predators. They must realize the sober fact that they, themselves, are about all the predators this land of ours can now support.

May Build New FUA Headquarters

EDMONTON (BUP) — The directors of the Farmers' Union of Alberta will talk over plans for a new headquarters building when they meet in Edmonton Jan. 27.

FUA President Henry Young reports the organization now has \$30,000 in the building fund.

The directors are expected to recommend a starting date for construction of the new central office building, which will have an estimated cost of \$70,000.

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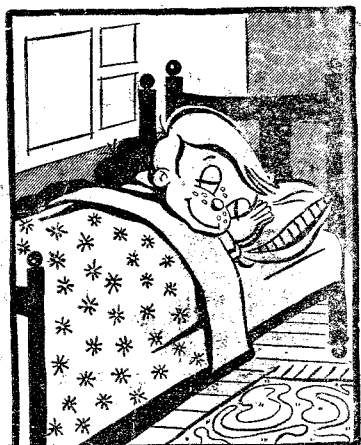


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John Huppie Passes Away

John Huppie, aged 78, died on Jan. 4. Funeral services were held Jan. 6.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Louisa Huppie, and two daughters, Mrs. Harry Pruden, Mrs. Louise Fisher of Vancouver and three sons, Edmond Gilbert and Victor, all of Lac la Biche. Also three step-daughters, Mrs. Olive Auger, Mrs. Joe Tremblay, Mrs. Joe Pint of Cardiff and one step-son, John Cardinal and many grandchildren.

Lac la Biche

Mrs. Hazel Tremblay Venne spent the New Year's holidays in Peace River with a friend.

Eddie Tremblay was home for the New Year's week-end.

Joe Tremblay went to Brooks to work.

Mrs. L. M. Fisher of Vancouver, B.C., is spending a few weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Huppie and other friends of Lac la Biche.

George Smith flew in from Uranium City, Sask., for a couple of weeks to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Fernel and son Wesley motored from Hythe to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Huppie of Grandin.

Miss Laurette Huppie was home for the Christmas holidays. She is employed in Hythe.

Miss Lucille Tatum is back at work at the meteorological bureau after a month's convalescence.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Workum and daughter Dolores, motored from Smoky Lake to spend New Year's at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith.

Ed Huppie has gone to work with Boyle Brothers in Uranium City, Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Smith and family of Hairy Hill, spent the week-end with relatives and friends in Lac la Biche.

Nita Michetti has returned to

Edmonton after spending a few weeks at the home of her parents in Lac la Biche.

The La la Biche Students' Union has organized a curling club consisting of nine regular teams. They will be starting their Round Robin tournament on Monday, Jan. 17. The members of the club pay a curling fee of \$3.00, while the men's teams paid a fee of \$15.00.

The grade 10 drama class is practising for a play to be presented on the stage on Dec. 28. The concert and dance in honor of the presentation of the Governor-General's medal to Tommy MacCagno is on this date.

The Lions Club has installed a phone at the curling rink.

Zac Ingram is the new caretaker while Mrs. Ingram sells hot dogs and coffee.

Paul Sampietro has motored to B.C. for a few weeks stay.

Atmore

Visitors for the Christmas holiday were: Roland and Victor Poulin, Lawrence Grenier, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Duplessis, Miss Madeleine Genoud and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Fischer.

Father St. Arnaud had the misfortune to lose 11 chinchillas.

The annual midnight mass held at St. Philip's Church, Atmore, was fairly well attended. A group of Polish people sang hymns in their native tongue. The altar boys were gowned. Rev. Father St. Arnaud was pleased to see the attendance, and gave thanks to the donors of a lovely cross and altar mat.

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Rich Lake

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Mr. and Mrs. R. Johnson and family, have returned to Edmonton after spending their Christmas holidays here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sunderman and boys were visiting friends and relatives here during the holidays, enroute to Heisler.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kumpula are visiting friends and relatives at St. Helen's, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kumpula and Ted Kumpula motored to Edmonton recently. Ted Kumpula went for medical care.

Ed Almerud has returned home after spending a few days in the city.

Holiday visitors at the home of their parents were as follows: Misses Jean and Alom Horasko, Mary and Stella Lachowich and Ernest, Agnes and Edsel Haimila, Peter Rudiak, Jean and Joan Tikkanen, all of Rich Lake and Doreen Niblock of Helena and Iris Parker of Goose Lake.

Misses Anne and Natalco Makar

spent their holidays with their parents at Prosperity.

Church services are held every Sunday at Rich Lake School, conducted by Rev. R. S. H. Greene from Lac la Biche.

Special Christmas service was held Dec. 26, when children received Christmas gifts.

Hans Asberg has donated an organ to be used for church services at Rich Lake School. His gift is much appreciated by the residents of the district.

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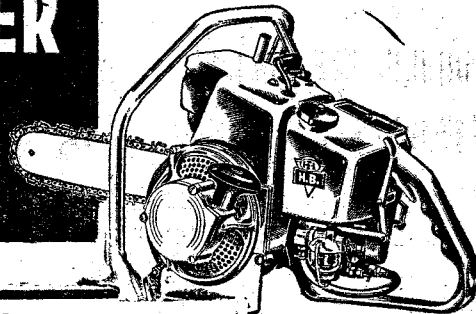
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SPEND OVER \$2,000,000 FOR GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

EDMONTON (BUP) — Alberta's 1955 Golden Jubilee celebration is going to cost the Provincial Government more than \$2,000,000. Provincial Treasurer C. E. Gerhart says the sum includes the cost of the auditoriums to be built in Calgary and Edmonton. He says expenses apart from these buildings so far amounts to \$250,000.

District Borders Will Be Reduced

WESTLOCK — The council of the municipal district met for the last time as one governing body. The future municipality will be much smaller than the existing one. This is due to co-terminus boundaries. Three councillors find themselves outside the present municipality. The council considered the 1955 jubilee celebration. It decided to give permanent plaques to the hamlets within its border. It also decided to encourage hamlets to hold jubilee days. The municipality will hold elections for all council seats. Nomination day is February 19 and elections March 19. The present councillors will carry on until the elections.

Prosperity

A surprise birthday party was held in honor of Miss Alice Duma at Willow Flat hall, Dec. 25. Miss Duma received gifts and a donation of \$35.00. A fair crowd was present.

Walter and Roman Skiba are working at Edson.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Berizuk were week-end visitors to Edmonton during the Christmas holidays.

Visitors here to celebrate the Christmas holidays with their folks were: Russell Shimonichuk, Saffron Stewart, Nick Duma, Russell Alynyk and Alex Duma.

Miss Stephanie Shimonichuk left for work in Boyle Cafe.

Miss Annie Shremata was home for a week-end visit.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Rywak were daughters Annie, Margaret and her husband.

A D-7 Cat from the Municipality is now working in District No. 5.

Visitors to Edmonton were from Dunice, Paul Stewart and Albion Rywak and Albert Larry.

Richard Shimonichuk is the new operator on the District No. 4 Cat. Donations for gravel in District No. 5 for the improvement on the road were made by: John and Bill Duma, H. Lawichi, W. Lostyniuk, J. Dunice, W. Garbowski, H. D. Sawchuk, J. Kamelchuk, B. Rossa, N. Chlach, A. Woytowicz, M. Makar, Joe Kinclara, N. Ulschak, F. Spila, J. Shimonichuk, F. Frela, M. Homa, N. Rossa, J. Hossa, O. Heycum, F. Makar, W. Sheremeta, John Pysyk, C. Gagnon. The donations totalled \$230.

Enough Babies Born For A Junior City

EDMONTON (BUP) — Statistics show that 10,223 babies were born in Edmonton in 1954, compare to 9,163 in 1953.

Under Alberta law, the babies born in 1954 are numerous enough to form a city. The province requires a population of 10,000 for a community to reach city status.

Additional Officers For FUA Local

BOYLE — The last meeting of FUA Local 308 was held in the Vets' hall, Dec. 17. The main items of business were the convention report, and the financing of this local.

A discussion of where the next meeting of this local would be held, followed. It was decided that it would be in the community hall at Ellscoff, with a dance afterwards. John Good and Andrew Hoglund was the committee appointed to make arrangements. The date will be announced later.

It was also decided that meeting places would change from time to time between Boyle, Ellscoff and Donatville. This is to make it possible for all members to attend some of the meetings.

The executive elected at the annual meeting held in November is as follows: president, John Good, Ellscoff; vice-president, Ed Roski, Bondiss; secretary, Kenneth Lund, Ellscoff; directors, Ivor Botten, John Alexander, Nick Muzichuk, Hiram Jonson, Boyle; and Archie Soucy, Ellscoff.

Due to the large membership for this year, there will be additional directors to be elected. These, it is hoped, will be of the Donatville, Frains and Serail districts.

The Ellscoff local of the past is now amalgamated with Boyle, and will be known as Boyle Local 308. This amalgamation was to centralize and increase interest and activity in the local.

Boyle

The Imperial Bank has been informed that commencing Saturday, Jan. 22, it will be on a five-day week, which means the bank will not be open from 9-11 Saturday mornings.

Ronald Smith has returned from his job as second man in the Wheat Pool elevator at Sexsmith.

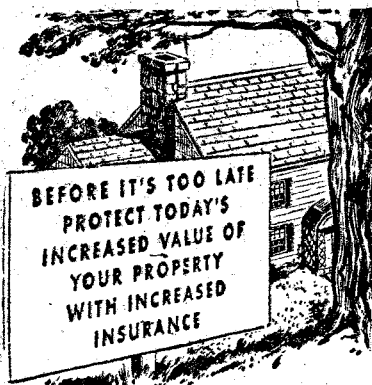
Mrs. Whitney from Donatville will take Mrs. O. J. Mikalonis' place in the grade 5 classroom in Boyle.

Arthur Mellott spent a day in the city writing tests to receive welder's papers.

Clarence Mellott has gone to work in a lumber camp at Wandering River.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Cadeux from Lac la Biche visited Mr. and Mrs. G. Hague, Sr.

Dan Kostashuk's home was destroyed by fire on Wednesday, Jan. 5. He carried no insurance. Farmers of the district donated their time to get another home fixed up for him. The ladies donated household goods, and a sum of money was also collected.



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Mr. and Mrs. D. Reneau had as their guests recently Mrs. M. Bischell and their daughter, Marie. Also Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dick and family, all of Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Holmes and family spent Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. Downie, in Edmonton. Mr. and Mrs. Downie spent New Year's in Edmonton, visiting Mr and Mrs. Holmes and other relatives.

The regular dance will be held on Friday, Jan. 28. Music will be supplied by Johnny and his boys. The Misses Beatrice and Sylvia Ward, Ruth Hanna and Keith Lat-

timer, all of Edmonton, were guests recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Ward.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. Louisa Huppie and family wish to express to their many friends their heartfelt thanks for attending the funeral services of Mr. Johnny Huppie. They also would like to thank those who helped with the burial.

Card of Thanks

Our sincere thanks to our many friends and relatives for their sympathy and help in our recent bereavement.

—Mrs. B. Coli and Family.

HOW ALBERTA'S FINANCIAL PROGRAM HELPS YOU

Orderly debt retirement, constructive use of revenue and aid to municipalities mark the Alberta Government's financial program.

Accumulated investments and surpluses now amount to \$140,000,000 more than the remaining public debt. A provincial debt which totalled \$150,159,819 in 1945 has been reduced to approximately \$91,000,000 in nine years. Present debt retirement plans call for the payment of the

entire provincial debt by 1973, but allow the province the right to call in over 70 per cent of its debt at any time after 1954.

Under the debt reorganization program of 1945, retirement of the debt had been planned by 1980 but oil revenues made this goal possible many years earlier than expected.

Although total payment of the provincial debt is possible after June 1, 1960, the Alberta Government has considered that the interests of the public would be served better by the investment of surplus funds in low-interest loans to finance urgent municipal capital expenditures.

The Alberta Government's municipal assistance program is intended to allow municipal ratepayers to share in benefits from the development of provincial natural resources.

During the past five years direct grants and indirect financial aid to Alberta municipalities total \$168,872,000. Assistance through low-interest loans during this same period totalled an extra \$109,955,000. This grand total of municipal assistance amounts to \$278,827,000.

The program of financial assistance to municipalities is not intended to weaken the independence and the financial self-reliance of local governments. These low-interest provincial government loans are being offered to help municipalities to attain a financial position which will eliminate further large scale borrowing, reduce municipal taxation and permit an orderly retirement of municipal debt.

The material benefits of provincial loans to municipalities are evident throughout the province. Local governments have used this source of financial assistance to provide such utilities as water and sewer systems, which have improved the living standards of their residents as well as providing valuable assets capable of producing long-term municipal revenue.

Under the Rural Electrification Revolving Fund loans are granted to rural electrification associations. In 1953 an amount of \$10,000,000 was provided to assist in the rural electrification program. As at October 31st, 283 loans of \$7,676,597 had been made to these associations. The balance in the fund as of November 1st was \$2,323,403.

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